



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NORTH DAKOTA SKILLSUSA WEEK
February 8-14, 2004

WHEREAS, education is the foundation upon which we are building North Dakota's future, and by investing in our youth, we are securing that future; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota SkillsUSA prepares students for trade, industrial, technical and health careers through public high schools, vocational centers, and two-year colleges with education and training in leadership, teamwork, communications skills and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota SkillsUSA partners with businesses, schools and communities to provide a skilled workforce, creating quality career opportunities for our young people, while making North Dakota's businesses more competitive in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota SkillsUSA Week is celebrated in conjunction with North Dakota Career and Technical Education Week, recognizing the importance of educating our youth and creating a new generation of leaders for North Dakota's future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 8-14, 2004, **SKILLSUSA WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State